

REMARKS

Claims 1-22, 40-45, and 87-103 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-22, 40-45, and 87-103 were subject to a restriction requirement. Claims 1-22 and 40-45 have been canceled without prejudice.

The Examiner required restriction of the claims of the present application under 35 U.S.C. 121 to one of the following inventions: I corresponding to claims 1-22 and 40-45, and II corresponding to claims 87-103. The Applicant hereby elects without traverse to proceed with claims 87-103 corresponding to Invention II. Cancellation of claims 1-22 and 40-45 without prejudice is therefore respectfully requested. The Applicant hereby reserves the right to pursue any of the canceled claims and any other claims supported by the present specification in subsequent related applications.

Applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (510) 663-1100.

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